

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL**No. 299** Session of
2018

INTRODUCED BY ALLOWAY, RESCHENTHALER, YUDICHAK, REGAN, WARD,
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WAGNER, LEACH, DINNIMAN, COSTA, SCAVELLO, FOLMER, STEFANO,
FONTANA, HUTCHINSON, LANGERHOLC, BREWSTER AND BARTOLOTTA,
APRIL 9, 2018

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, JUNE 11, 2018

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), entitled
2 "An act concerning elections, including general, municipal,
3 special and primary elections, the nomination of candidates,
4 primary and election expenses and election contests; creating
5 and defining membership of county boards of elections;
6 imposing duties upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth,
7 courts, county boards of elections, county commissioners;
8 imposing penalties for violation of the act, and codifying,
9 revising and consolidating the laws relating thereto; and
10 repealing certain acts and parts of acts relating to
11 elections," in nomination of candidates, further providing
12 for number of signers required for nomination petitions of
13 candidates at primaries.

14 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
15 hereby enacts as follows:

16 Section 1. Section 912.1(32) of the act of June 3, 1937
17 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, is
18 amended to read:

19 Section 912.1. Number of Signers Required for Nomination
20 Petitions of Candidates at Primaries.--Candidates for nomination
21 of offices as listed below shall present a nominating petition
22 containing at least as many valid signatures of registered and

1 enrolled members of the proper party as listed below:

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3 (32) [Office of district justice: One hundred.] Office of
4 magisterial district judge: One hundred, but only for a
5 candidate's primary election when the candidate does not already
6 hold the office of magisterial district judge. A sitting
7 magisterial district judge elected to the office shall not be
8 required to file a nominating petition under this section to run
9 for the office of magisterial district judge but may instead
10 file a certificate of nomination for reelection specifying the
11 intent to seek reelection to the office. IF A SITTING <--
12 MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE FILES A CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION FOR
13 REELECTION, THE SITTING MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE MAY NOT
14 CHALLENGE THE NOMINATING PETITION OF ANOTHER CANDIDATE FOR
15 MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE.

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17 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.